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Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 1816

Intimations.

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tions Nos. 42 and 43 the EXCHANGE

BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transac-

tion of Public Business on SATURDAY,

and MONDAY, the 4th and 5th February,

1905.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 206

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of

Mr. W. MALCOLM WATSON, Mr.

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charge of our Business.

JOHN D. HUTCHISON & CO.

Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 188

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Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 181

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the

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December, 1904.

TAIT & CO.

Ampy, January 1, 1905. 51

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE & FINANCE

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JOHN D. HUMPHREY & SON,

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Hongkong, January 11, 1905. 219

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Hongkong, July 28, 1904. 1379

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Hongkong, August 12, 1904. 1419

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Hongkong, October 1, 1904. 1797

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Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 19

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Hongkong, July 22, 1903. 1519

KOWLOON PIGEON SHOW.

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hold a SHOW of PIGEONS on the

6th and 7th of February, 1905, at the

KOWLOON HOTEL. Forms of Entry
will be sent to all Members. As regards
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to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVIN,
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Admission to the Show is FREE.
The Public are cordially invited. Our former
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themselves highly pleased with the
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VIII.—Homer, Cock or Hen, any colour.

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XI.—Any kind of Caged Birds.

J. D. LOGAN,
Director.R. DAVIN,
Hon. Secretary.Kowloon Hotel,
January 25, 1905. 171

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Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 1487

Intimations.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

COMPETITIONS FOR SPOONS will
take place on the Kowloon Bowling
Greens, on SATURDAY, 4th inst. Players
are requested to be on the Green at
2.30 p.m.

D. GOW,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1905. 212

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT

SOCIETY.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY will take place in the
CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, February
7th, at 8 p.m.

ROSE GOMPERTZ,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1905. 214

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ABOVE
COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED
OFFICES of the Company, Alexandra
Buildings, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY,
10th FEBRUARY, 1905, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st December
1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from 1st-11th

February, 1905, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1905. 174

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
OFFICES of the General Managers,
FEDDER'S Street, at 12.30 p.m., on
MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a
Statement of the Company's Accounts to
31st December, 1904, and the Report of the
General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the

13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 194

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND

MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY
will be held at the OFFICE of the
COMPANY, No. 18, BANK BUILDINGS,
Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY,
14th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring Dividend, confirming the appointment
of the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 31st
January to the 14th February, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1905. 151

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in
this Corporation will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,
14th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring Dividend, confirming the appointment
of the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 31st
January to the 14th February, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 207

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inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1905. 208

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE

CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all
SHARES in respect of which the
Final Call of \$7.50 per Share has not been
paid will, unless the same together with
interest accrued and accruing thereon be
paid at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the
Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or
before the 28th FEBRUARY, 1905, be
liable to be forfeited.

Dated the 30th January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS will be
held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY,
Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MON-
DAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, 1905, at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors and the State-
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,
1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 6th to the

20th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 25, 1905. 170

Intimations.

YOU CAN'T FOOL A GOOD JUDGE
He Knows That It's *Rainier* BEER

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Hongkong, January 12, 1905. 1376

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Hongkong, January 16, 1905. 6

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H. W. FRASER,

C/o Hongkong Bank.

Hongkong, January 23, 1905. 159

TO LET.

NEW HOUSES, To Let, in CASTLE
ROAD.
Apply to

SAM WANG & CO., LD.,

81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, October 22, 1904. 224

TO LET.

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, The
Peak.
Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, March 26, 1904. 225

TO LET.

GODOWN NO. 3, NEW PRAYA,
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

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Hongkong, November 21, 1904. 226

HONGKONG CLUB.

TO LET.

A SUITE OF 2 ROOMS, on the Ground-
floor of the Annex, suitable for
Offices.

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C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, June 2, 1904. 228

TO LET.

"HATHERLEIGH" a Detached Resid-
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A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD,
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CRIME IN SCOTLAND.

The total number of crimes and offences
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From that year onwards the numbers rose,
reaching a maximum in 1901 of 136,586.
Then there came a season of repugnance,
and they fell to 122,509 in 1902, with a
further great decline since.

But taking serious crimes by themselves
the outlook is not so satisfactory. Crimes
against property with violence, such as
housebreaking, have increased by over 50
per cent. in the last five years; forgery and
currency crimes by 36.8 per cent., and
theft by 16 per cent. It is in minor crimes
and offences that the decrease has taken
place.

No sentence of death was passed last
year, sixty-seven persons were sent to
penal servitude, and 11,331 imprisoned,
while of the 82,505 fined nearly half went
to prison for not paying the fines. Not-
withstanding this, a total of 243,217 was
recovered from fines and pledges forfeited
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SATURDAY, February 4:

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Register of Shares of Hongkong & Shanghai

Banking Corporation, close from this

date to 18th February inclusive.

SUNDAY, February 5:

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date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 6:

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Transfer Books of Hongkong & Shanghai

Banking Corporation, Ltd., close from this

date to 20th February inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 7:

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the

Public Works Department's Office.

FRIDAY, February 10:

Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate &

Finance Co., Ltd., at the Registered

Office.

MONDAY, February 13:

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice

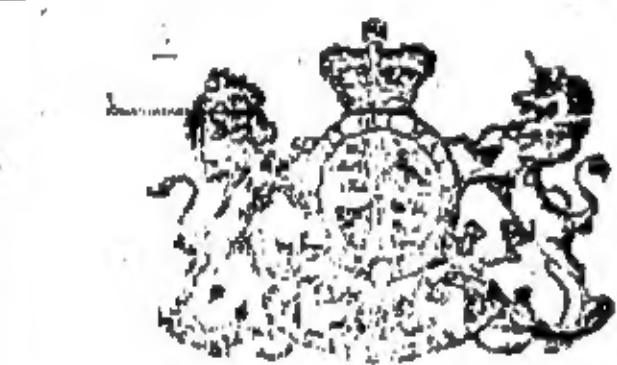
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1905.

THE GOVERNOR'S SCHEME.

The correspondence published in the

local press since the appearance of the

scheme of His Excellency the Governor

to assist destitute seamen clearly indi-

cates that the public are doubtful about

the effectiveness of the proposal. As

we said, when previously writing on the

subject, there is much to be added for

and against it. Cold contemplation of

the idea produces more argument against

than for it, however. Its chief recom-

mendation is that it will do something

to remove the hardships that have been

before our eyes for so long. It will cer-

tainly remove from sight a percentage of

the poverty that has confronted us, but

that does not say the scheme is going to

cure it. To ask Satan to get behind us

entirely. He merely changes ground,

and though we are more content that

he has removed from within our range

of vision the change is more beneficial

to him than to us, for from his

new standpoint he is able to per-

form more roguery against us than

previously, for the very simple reason

that he is out of sight. It is almost

the same with poverty. By thrusting

it into the background we practically

accumbate its evil. We not only have

to combat the actual poverty, but en-

courage the roguery which is heir to

it. The scheme who, does not want

to work will scheme more vigorously,

and perchance more successfully, to

avoid it if he finds more generous

And 'as the hart pants after the water

brook,' so will the beachcombers of the

whole East pant after the good things

that are to be found here. And by

hook or by crook they will shake the

dust of other inhospitable shores from

their feet to reach this haven. In fact

they will be assisted here by the

authorities. We imagine we hear the

Magistrate at Shanghai or Singapore

ordering deditors to be forwarded on to

Hongkong by first steamer to batten

on to our liberal citizens. They

do it, glad to be relieved of re-

sponsibility for them, in future, if His

Excellency's scheme—unopposed by

any action by the Government to pre-

vent other destitute landing—is

adopted, they will do it more often

and with greater will. To follow

such a course is but to follow one

peculiarity of human nature. Did

the Colony announce that henceforth

no destitute man need apply here for

practical sympathy, because positively

none would be given, the probabilities

are that fewer would come of their own

accord. Did we also declare to all ship-

ping agents and to other ports that no

man, not having sufficient money to

keep himself for a certain period in

which he should reasonably be able to

obtain employment, would be allowed

to land, fewer destitutes would be brought

here. Shipowners or agents would take

good care that they did not issue tickets

to anyone who might prove a burden

upon them, and the greatest source of

trouble that we now suffer from would

be removed. This is not the time to

trifle with this subject. The Govern-

ment has recently had imposed upon it

the terrible task of hanging three young

men, and that very fact should be suffi-

cient to stimulate it to vigorous action

to prevent any possibility of a repetition.

The Government is composed of British

subjects with character and opinion.

Surely they are not wanting in sufficient

spirit to inspire them to grapple with

the question in a methodical, and

practical, and manly manner? In

other countries, less fortunate financial-

ly than Hongkong, while men are

given work at hard labour, why

should they not be given it

here? Are they, because they are in

a foreign country, to be pampered and

kept in what is tantamount to idleness?

There are dozens of schemes which

will suggest themselves to men ear-

nestly desirous of doing the right thing

by hard-working citizens, and it is in-

conceivable that out of the many they

cannot find one or two which will

serve to keep the idle hands from mis-

chief. To call upon the charitably-

disposed to put their hands into their

pockets to keep men who should be a

direct charge upon the Government

—since the Government does not at-

tempt to do anything to supply them

with honest work—amounts to a con-

fession of weakness; an acknowledgment

that there is lacking that initia-

tive, that capacity to organise and

administer which should be possessed

by any Government set to rule in such a

place as Hongkong. We do not for one

moment deny the advancement of

help for the poor from citizens.

We prefer to encourage it—as long

as the donations are for purely

local needs—but we feel strongly that

it is wrong to utilise funds collected

here for the encouragement of men

who have no claim upon the charity

or consideration of the port, and who in

many cases, are foreigners. What we

wish to see is the Government dealing

with this question just as it dealt with

the importation of imbeciles. Last year

an Ordinance was passed putting a stop

to the landing of men with an infirmity.

Is it possible that they now declare they

cannot pass similar legislation to pre-

vent the importation of men being dump-

ed into the Colony. An imbecile—

a man incapable of sustained effort, and

one who has, perhaps through no fault

of his own, lost his powers of

reasoning is surely more deserving

of support than a mendicant and a

wastrel? The Governor's scheme is to

supply the wants of deserving destitute

seamen. What is to become of the

deserving who are not seamen? Do

they, because they have, by some whim

of their parents, missed being brought

up to the sea—though they might be

skilled in some trade—forget all claim

to consideration? Perish the thought!

Yet that is virtually implied by the

stress laid upon the fact that this ap-

plication is on behalf of seamen. The

provision of work by the Government for

unemployed would prevent all miscon-

ception on the point. Tinker, tailor,

soldier, sailor would each have to do his

meed if he came to the Colony with-

out not be the wicked discrimination

which would be made if the sailor was

put into comfortable quarters whilst

the tinker, the tailor, and the soldier, were

allowed to sack their thumbs on the kerb;

and perhaps, in revenge for being left

in the cold, to concoct another conspiracy

to murder the crew of a ship and steal

away in the night. It is not right to

leave the settlement of this question to

the people. His Excellency must re-

member that he departs from the Co-

lony in a few years, and by that time

the citizens who have a stake here will

be compelled to bear a bigger burden

than they are called upon to carry now,

for the simple reason that every in-

ducement will be offered to destitutes

to come here. The scheme will not

CHINESE JUSTICE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 1.

It is reported from the villages of Kwangsi that young women and maidens are inveigled away, or kidnapped, and then taken to Wuchow, whence they are transhipped to Canton and Fatsan, in order to be sold to houses of ill-fame. It appears that though the officials are aware of this trade, they do not attempt to suppress it or even lessen it. On the other hand, an incident is reported, which shows that the mandarins move quickly enough if others interfere.

About ten days ago two women were taken from the country into Wuchow to be transported down the river, and a sergeant of the local soldiery, getting wind of it, represented himself as a relative of the officials, and went and demanded two hundred dollars as hush-money.

This action was immediately brought to the notice of the Viceroy, who immediately ordered the man's arrest and execution.

Such unwarranted severity on the one hand in punishing what was at worst but a yielding to the temptation of avarice, and such indifference on the other to the personal sorrows which must fill many homes because of this nefarious trade, cannot easily be explained.

HOLOCAUST AT WUCHOW.

Nearly Four Hundred Lives Lost.

The Need for Reform.

(From our Correspondent.)

Wuchow, January 29.

The lamentable fire which occurred among the shipping in the mouth of the Fu River at Wuchow, last Friday night, caused the death, by burning and drowning, of about three hundred and eighty people, and a sacrifice of property which must be reckoned at a few millions of dollars.

The fire began in the upstairs kitchen of one of the floating hotels, which are largely patronized by travellers by the steam launches which run to ports further up the West River. Some oil which the cook was pouring into a pan over the fire got ignited, and instantly the whole of the dry, wooden structure became the prey of the devouring fire.

It speaks well for the crew of a launch that it undertook to tow the blazing pontoon out of the Fu River in order to save the town from a conflagration; but the north wind following them must have carried the flames to the launch, and most of its heroic crew perished.

As the flames were communicated from pontoon to pontoon, and from cargo boat to cargo boat and sampan, the blazing ones were cut adrift, and floated off to the southward, a magnificent, heart-rending spectacle; but the town was saved.

What might have happened to the town had the wind been in the opposite quarter it is not difficult to conjecture: and one is driven to ask the question: Can nothing be done to prevent a repetition of the menacing danger?

Wuchow is too cramped, both on land and water, for the expansion which is beginning. On the water, in the mouth of the Fu River, some space might be recovered by substituting a lofty bridge for a large number of the sampans, which thickly line the banks, and the ferries. Mr. Jamieson, who was Acting Consul here when the port was opened, wrote a despatch to the Governor of Kwangsi recommending that a bridge be made, in place of the floating bridge which was destroyed during the Taping rebellion. Seeing that one or two of the pontons destroyed last Friday were owned, at least in part, by foreigners, it is not advisable to extend the harbour limits to include the mouth of the Fu River, so that the shipping there may be better regulated, and risk of fire minimized. The mass of flower-boats, too, would be safer, in every way, if anchored under the Southern Hill.

Attention is strongly directed to Wuchow's needs by this sudden catastrophe, and as the Viceroy is among us, we hope something adequate to the situation may be planned and initiated now.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 2nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen throughout Japan and has risen at all other stations. A marked anticyclone lies over the whole of N. China and gradually very steep upon the east coast, and more moderate upon the south coast. Very strong N.E. monsoon will be experienced in the Formosa Channel and to the northward of it, and moderate to fresh N.E. winds in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate N. to N.E. winds overcast, fair.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.—This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and remedy can be much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. Sold by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

'WASTED WIT.'

Last evening, in the Union Church, the Rev. C. H. Hickling lectured on the above subject, taking the Falstaff of Shakespeare as representative. In Shakespeare there were two Falstafs. After having seen the play of Henry IV, it was said that Queen Elizabeth desired to see Falstaff as a lover. It would appear as though Shakespeare, willing to do his best to obey, grafted the character of Falstaff upon a play already nearly finished. So in the Merry Wives of Windsor we had a character different from the Falstaff of Henry IV. It was the latter who was in view.

To answer the dramatic purpose of the time and experience through which the Prince was passing, it was imperative that Falstaff should be just such a marvellous agglomeration of charms and vices as he was. As Hudson puts it 'None but an old man could be at once so dissolute and so discerning, or appear to think so like a wise man even when talking most unwisely; and he must have a world of wit and sense to reconcile a mind of such native rectitude and penetration with his prodigal courses.'

Falstaff was an difficult subject to analyse as a Chinese; and for much the same reason. Widely different and even opposite qualities met in him; yet they blended so well that no generalities could summarise him. Ordinary wit consisted in a quick seizure of remote and fanciful affinities; but what Falstaff said always fitted all round. Wit, the humor arose in a somewhat peculiar way. He constantly put himself into tight places, in order to give opportunity for his brisk cleverness to extricate him. And the charm of his conversation usually arose from the certainty that he could never be at a loss. This explained the purpose of his consummate lying. He told lies, not for a moment expecting them to be believed, but chiefly for the occasion they afforded of displaying his mental gymnastics. As an example, take his story about the three knaves in *Kendal Green* who came at his back and lot drive at him; while it was so dark that he could not see his hand. A lie this, which as he himself knew well enough was 'gross as a mountain, open, palpable.' Here was deliberate self-exposure to invite an attack. The diversion which he framed for his hearers was clever in its conception and in its result. It went right home. So he constantly entangled himself in his talk. The more involved he became the more striking would be the escape when he dodged away, and with nimble foot diverted his pursuers upon another scent. Then again the same facility and felicity were shown in a quick turning of events to his own advantage. His account of himself and his exploits at the Battle of Shrewsbury was both clever and entertaining. Once more, he took delight in the action of his own mind in stirring up and drawing out the minds of others. 'Men of all sorts,' said he, 'take a pride to gild me.' Perhaps the finest production of all was the scene where Falstaff personated the King to examine the Prince upon the particulars of his life. It was probably the choicest issue of comic preparation that genius had ever bequeathed to human enjoyment.

Though in Falstaff we had little or nothing of fun, we had summed up in his character practical sagacity and over-riding humor. Altogether he was the greatest triumph of the comic Muse that the world had to show. As a witty entertainer, he was as huge as his body; but as character to be imitated he was as puny as a dwarf.

Wit, however, was not the monopoly of the Devil or of the Unnatural. Wit and humor might be good christian servants and often had been. But there was such an article as 'wasted wit.' Falstaff was the foremost representative of many men and women, whose great delight in life was to be deemed witty—they trained and strained for it; and received their reward in showers of invitations. It often happened, however, that when the laughter with them had died away, there followed sardonic laughter at them, which in turn wished issues in a sigh. The aloofness of mere laughter-provoking witticisms from deep moral feelings drove us away from the wit except in pity. Practical wisdom, apart from moral wisdom, intellectual nimbleness which culminated in a sparkle or laugh, what satisfaction was there in this for the real man? We feel impelled to exclaim 'Wherefore this waste?' Surely it was incumbent upon us to walk in wisdom as well as to talk in it. To cultivate humor and give merrils the go-by as did Falstaff, was to bring degeneration into the whole being. It would bring down even the able man, assuredly as poor Sims Reeves was brought down to the common music hall. It was needless waste.

Jesus Christ was made, to every willing man, the wisdom of God, whereby all might live righteous, sober lives, and have joy in the whole being—for it was the fruit of His indwelling spirit. Poor Falstaff got poorer as he whiled away his existence. He lacked honor, love and troops of friends. Every day he came to regard as an enemy to be schemed away with as little fighting and torment as possible. The man, who committed all his powers to God, lived to redeem each day from evil by filling it with good—solid good for himself—gladness good for his neighbour—increasing good all the time.

Trust no Future, however pleasant! Let the dead Past bury its dead! Act—act in the living Present, Heart within, and God overhead!

THE CRIME OF 'REFORM.'
Wanton Disregard of Life.
(From Our Correspondent.)

A DETECTIVE ATTACKED.

Trouble in The New Territory.

A daring attack on a detective is reported from the New Territory, which seemingly to cost the officer his life. Particulars to hand are contained in a telegram sent to the Central Police Station by Mr E. D. C. Wolfe, New Territory Magistrate at Taipei, which states that early yesterday morning Chinese Detective 1092, Fan Ching, was bringing a prisoner to Autau, where he is stationed and while on the way to the police station was set upon by three armed men who released his prisoner and cut him badly about the body with their knives.

On news of this being received at Autau the wounded officer was brought in and attended by Dr Ho and Mr. Wolfe, and has since been brought to Hongkong. He is at present at the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition.

A party of detectives have been despatched to Autau, which is the middle of the Territory, to investigate the case.

THE CRIME OF 'REFORM.'

Wanton Disregard of Life.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 1.

For some time past a Chinese named Wong Nga Tsin, who had eschewed the queue, and had attired himself in European dress, has been an object of suspicion to the officials of Canton. It is difficult to ascertain of what offence against Chinese law the man was guilty, or even to discover what the officials had against him. They affirm, however, that he was deceiving the people and was giving himself out as a Japanese.

It is reported that less than a fortnight ago he was summarily executed in Canton. Possibly the officials feared that he was in some way connected with the secret reform movement, and therefore thought it wise to remove his head. This and the recent executions indicate the cheapness at which the mandarins appraise human life. But nothing can prevent the present discontent from spreading and deepening, for the native papers have taken the execution of this man as a text to write a diatribe against the cruelty of the officials, and have compared the officials of China with those of Russia, and have been pouring scorn upon both parties.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GOVERNOR'S RELIEF SCHEME.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—One of the ways to grapple with the 'Unemployed Question' is for the Harbour Master to prevent crews being discharged here and native crews taken on in their stead, unless the Captain undertakes to send the discharged crews back to the port of shipment.

Crimps at home and abroad will go down to go anywhere and to be discharged anywhere. If the officials here can find a way to compel Owners to send back crews to the port of shipment we shall soon be rid of unemployed who cannot find work here. To support discharged crews by charity will only encourage owners to keep on getting cheap crews at home, dumping them here, and taking on men who are willing to work for less wages. As an example I may say that a steamer dumped her crew in Singapore. The Captain promised them that as they would not go with him he would pay them one month's wages and as soon as he had finished his work up North he would pick them up on his return. How kind hearted of him!

Later on the Japanese, always polite, paid a call on the Captain, at sea, and asked him to follow them to a safe port in Japan where he could admire some of the finest scenery in the East.

This happened a few months ago, and as the steamer never returned to Singapore, some of the crew left behind may now be in jail; or may have replaced a seaman landed on account of sickness, and the rest are either living on Singapore charity or have somehow or other found their way to this port.

A similar thing is going on in Hongkong. The community ought not to support dumped crews, they should remain a charge on the owners. —Yours faithfully,
BLOCKADE RUNNER.
Hongkong, February 2.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—It is rather amusing to note the attitude of your senior morning contemporary on this question of relief for the distressed. It not so long ago screamed for the execution of three boys—or one boy and two youths—and yet this morning it does its best to induce the people to encourage other unfortunate to come here.

I would suggest that it places an advertisement in its columns requesting all beachcombers in other ports to 'Come and be Hanged—First come first served.' —Yours, etc.
SPONGEBROKE.

Sir Walter Pease, Agent-General for Natal, retired recently from the office he has held for nearly a century.

At the age of 106 Michael Troy has died in the Ligonie (Waterford) Union Hospital having retained his faculties to the last.

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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Englishmen earn the contempt of the foreigner by talking about the weather. No German would greet his friend with so obvious a remark that the day was wet or fine, or that thunder was in the air. It is only in our own land that we break the ice of conversation by comments on weather-lore. The reason is that no other country has anything like so fine a collection of constantly changing samples of weather to form an ever-fresh subject for discussion. Everything here is dislocated if the climate continues the same for a week together. It is so to-day. We have had (are having, I fear I must say) a week of fog, and though the London fog is picturesque, even beautiful, it is possible to have too much of it. Morning after morning to aim at the 8.40 train and to catch the 7.58 at 8.50 and drift into the city about ten becomes monotonous. Coming back at night is worse. One may take three hours or one may take four to traverse the ten miles between town and one's suburban retreat, but it matters little so long as the day is over. The streets are mystic visions of an inferno; every crossing is a plunge into the unknown and the attainment of the opposite pavement is an escape from a yawning gulf of horrors. Vehicles loom portentous through the vapour but are the least of dangers. They are vast but cowardly monsters, at least as afraid of the pedestrian as he can be of them. Even the motor forgets to snort and becomes a red-eyed crawling dragon gliding timorously along, recognisable rather by its stench than by the toot of its horn.

The refuge from all the horrors of the road is the Tube which, alone among means of locomotion, is unaffected by fogs on the surface a dozen fathoms overhead. All else, like Macbeth's witches, hovers through the fog and filthily air.

The opening of the Coliseum is postponed till to-morrow, not as rumoured through additional County Council requirements, but simply for additional rehearsals to make the elaborate scenery changes on the revolving stage work more smoothly. We wonder whether the four performances a day can possibly pay the managers? If the building is to be filled they will have to find an audience of 4000 four times daily and that is a large demand on the pleasure seeking crowds even of London. The limitation of the length of the programme to two hours is certainly an attraction. No one to-day wants the triple bills and four hours' entertainments of our youth; it is safe to prophesy a roaring trade for the new house through the Christmas season, even if we fear it is on too gigantic a scale for the succeeding summer months.

If London is architecturally beautiful (and Mr T. G. Jackson thinks Regent Street the only decent street in it), the result is purely fortuitous, for in no place in the world are operations conducted in so utterly haphazard a manner. In the January *Pall Mall Magazine* Mr John Burns crowed loudly about the County Council's Kingsway and Aldwych plans, but Mr Jackson tells him that the L.C.C. have not so much neglected the very elements of true architectural treatment as deliberately rejected them. Everything seems to happen by accident in London. The graceful fountain in Piccadilly Circus has been pronounced the most beautiful work of art in the city but it is quite out of harmony with its surroundings. The best remedy would be to move the circus, but this is impracticable. Oxford Street and Holborn form a magnificent thoroughfare with buildings of all kinds, very good, indifferent and very bad, but clashing obtrusively with each other.

Still the way we treat our buildings is only on a par with the way we treat our streets, blocking them with refuse, and boxes, manure bins, lavatories, in addition to the temporary obstructions (that are permanently there) of excavators repairing the roadway or laying pipes and wires. It would almost seem as if any gang of men, armed with half a dozen picks and shovels (not necessarily for insertion, but as a guarantee of good faith), were entitled to camp out in the busiest of our streets for days together. We cannot afford

to treat Mr Burns to the realisation of his dream of gardens stretching from the Strand to the river, but he and his colleagues might make the streets at least passable for wayfarers. One example came under my notice the other day. Contractors altering a frontage tore up the pavement and laid planks down for foot passengers. When they had finished, they removed their hoardings and boards and left the British public the task of trampling the loose earth into a hard base on which to relay the paving stones!

Next Tuesday the Earl of Suffolk will have the honour of marrying Miss Daisy Leiter at Washington. I believe that never before have two American sisters both become British peeresses. Why not, indeed? In every republican country every citizen's daughter is a princess, as surely as her father is a sovereign, and Miss Daisy Leiter will be as welcome among the ranks of the British peerage, as her sister has been in the Viceroy's court of India.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

A 250-h.p. petrol motor boat, a pleasure craft, was recently launched at Wood's shipyard, City Island, New York City. It measures 30 ft. on the water-line and 34 ft. 4 in. over all, and the guaranteed speed is twenty-three miles per hour. It is built of steel, and in form resembles a torpedo boat, her bow and stern being of the torpedo type. It is much more roomy than appearance leads one to suppose. The fuel tank holds 1000 gal. of petrol.

Accident to the "Sachsen."

As the German mail steamer "Sachsen" was entering the harbour this morning something went wrong with her reversing gear. Assistance was signalled for and she was taken in tow by the Dock tug "Robert Cooke," near Green Island, and towed up to her berth.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A RICH CITIZEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Detectives who are hunting for Owen Kelly, a wealthy and prominent Irish Catholic of this city, who has been missing since October 23rd last, have formed the theory that he went to New York, where he was robbed and murdered and his body disposed of. He had gone away several times before, without even telling his sister of his intention. Once he turned up in California, after an absence of two weeks, but nearly two months have elapsed since Kelly's last disappearance.

The entire machinery of the Philadelphia police department was set in motion two weeks ago by a powerful Irish political interest here, that a thorough search might be instituted for the missing man. The police scout the theory that Kelly could have been the victim of Fenians, or an Irish factional fight. He belonged to the Conservative Irish element, and was opposed to the Fenians, but his friends declare that he was too highly esteemed and too well beloved to make any enemies.

His disappearance has been compared with the famous Cronin murder in Chicago. Before Cronin's body was found it was shown that he was the victim of an Irish factional row. Kelly's friends admit that some circumstances of his disappearance correspond to those which came to light when Cronin dropped out of sight.

The world's production of diamonds up to the end of 1904 may be estimated as follows: Russia, 25 carats; North America, 110 carats; British Guiana, 20,000 carats; New South Wales, 110,000 carats; Borneo and India, 300,000 carats; Brazil, 15,000,000 carats; South Africa, 68,000,000 carats; total, 83,425,127 carats, or about 17 tons.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., Ltd., beg to notify the Public that the PRICE of GAS will be REDUCED from \$3.50 to \$3.00 per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st February, 1905.

GEORGE CURRY, Local Secretary, Hongkong, February 1, 1905. 110

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

FERATED WATER MANUFACTORY will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 4th February, and OPEN on MONDAY, 6th February, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

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AN EARLY INSPECTION IS INVITED. H. WEISMANN, Manager. Hongkong, December 17, 1904. 1034

To-day's Advertisements JURY LIST, 1905.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provision of THE JURY CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1897, I have this day caused to be posted at the chief entrance to the Court House a List of all persons ascertained by me to be liable to serve as Jurors.

The said List will remain so posted until THURSDAY, the 15th instant, in order that any person may apply by notice in writing to me requiring that his name or the name of some other person may be respectively added to or struck off from the said List, upon cause to be duly assigned in such notice.

ARATHOON SETH, Registrar. Supreme Court House, Hongkong, February 2, 1905. 237

R. A. O. B. CLUB. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the R. A. O. B. Club will be held TONIGHT, at 8.30 o'clock.

Business: Passing of Accounts. Election of Committee for the ensuing year. W. GOLDENBERG, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, February 2, 1905. 239

